

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 91-683-C - ORDER NO. 92-197  
MARCH 17, 1992

IN RE: Cable & Wireless Communications,	) ORDER
Inc. - Request for Approval of	) APPROVING
Revisions to its South Carolina	) TARIFF
PSC Tariff No. 1.	) CHANGES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an Application filed by Cable & Wireless Communications, Inc. (CWC, the Applicant, or the Company), a licensed reseller of intrastate interLATA telecommunications service in the State of South Carolina, for approval of revisions to its South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 1. The purpose of the revisions is to introduce Virtual Network Service (VNS) as a new service offering and to increase the rate for Directory Assistance Service. CWC's Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-520 (Supp. 1990) and the regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

The Commission's Executive Director instructed CWC to publish a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas one time. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of CWC's Application and the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. CWC complied with this

instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. A Petition to Intervene was filed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell).

A hearing was subsequently scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 1992, at 2:30 p.m. before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina. However, prior to the day of the hearing, the Applicant and Southern Bell entered into a stipulation agreement. The stipulation is as follows:

1. Any grant of authority will be for interLATA services only.
2. If any intraLATA calls are "inadvertently" completed by the carrier, the carrier should reimburse the LEC pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 86-187-C. The definition of such inadvertent completion is as contained in such order.
3. Any grant of authority will be limited to the sale of such services and the Applicant will not be authorized to resell such services.
4. All operator services should be only for interLATA calls and any "0+" or "0-" intraLATA calls should be handed off to the LEC.
5. Nothing in this stipulation shall prohibit the Applicant from resubmitting its Application with the additional request for authority to resell such services at any time after the hearing in this matter.

This stipulation was signed by the two parties on February 21, 1992. Also noted in the stipulation document was that upon the acceptance of the stipulation by the Commission and inclusion in its Order, Southern Bell wished to withdraw its participation in Docket No. 91-683-C. Southern Bell subsequently moved to withdraw.

With the withdrawal of the intervention of Southern Bell, CWC moved for Commission consideration of its proposed tariff revisions without a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §58-9-520. This motion was granted.

The new service proposed by the Company is Virtual Network Service (VNS), an integrated service enabling aggregation of VNS Outbound (available on equal access lines), VNS 800, VNS Dedicated, and VNS Travel service usage charges toward a common discount threshold. Service is available to single and multi location customers as an add-on. The Company also wishes to increase its Directory Assistance charges to 70¢ per call, which is within the maximum prescribed rate limit in CWC's South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 1.


After examination of the revisions proposed to the Company's PSC Tariff No. 1, as submitted by CWC, the Commission concludes that the proposed changes are reasonable and should be adopted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:


1. Southern Bell's Motion to Withdraw its Intervention based on the stipulation in this Docket is hereby granted.
2. That the stipulation between CWC and Southern Bell is hereby approved.
3. That the Tariff revisions that CWC has proposed to its South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 1 are hereby accepted.
4. That this Docket is hereby closed.

5. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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